Teaching In Germany

An Interview with Beatrice Pierce James, daughter of the late Gilbert L. James, Sr., by Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson

When I received the sad news of my Father's passing, everyone closely associated with me was so sympathetic and understanding and planned my immediate return home. Heavy hearted, I returned.

I left on August 16, from McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey and arrived at Rhein Mein Airport in Frankfurt, Germany, to begin my year of teaching at the Fulda American Elementary and Junior High School, which is the Armed Forces Dependent School, located in the Hessen District, Fulda, Germany, c/o 17th Armored Calvary Regiment. This base is approximately an hour and a half drive northeast of Frankfurt and 67 kilometers from the East-West Border.

I am teaching fifth grade pupils who have had broad travel experiences and have mastered at least two languages. The events that I have been a part of include:

1. An Army Orientation Tour of the East-West Border, which took us within the one kilometer zone. Cameras and binoculars were permitted.

2. A tour of an ancient monastery and the Oldest Church in West Germany.

3. Occasional rides on German trains, local buses, and a taxi via the Autobaun, Hitler's highway. Germany has vast railway systems and narrow streets.

4. An exciting visit to a large city, Weisbaden, where I attended a beautiful interdenominational church, had breakfast at the plush Von Storbein Hotel, and was a part of a gala wein fest in the quaint town of Rudestein, on the upper Rhine River.

5. Long walks into Fulda to browse and to shop in department stores, novelty shops, hardwares, candle factories, and open air markets.

6. Visits to local restaurants, gasthouses, chicken farms, bakeries, meat markets, and one meal with a German family.

7. My return trip to the States via the Azores in Portugal, then to McGuire Air Force Base.

All experiences thus far have been enjoyable and educational in so many ways. Although my knowledge of the language is limited, I have learned road signs, taxi, bus and train schedules, and enough German to order a meal. I am enrolled in a German Conversational Class.

Being a part of the Armed Forces, allows me most reasonable travel. I plan to spend my weekends and holidays in travel to historical places.

Joining to thank all of you who have helped to strengthen and console us in our time of great personal loss of our beloved father and devoted husband, Gilbert L. James, Sr., are my mother, Harriet P. James, and my two brothers, Gilbert Jr. and John. Your tokens of flowers, food, visits, and kind words about my father will always be appreciated by the family.

Rocks

Sept. 25 - So thankful for the nice rain Thursday.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Raford Fleshman in the death of their infant daughter, Catherine Ineze who died at the hospital in Lynchburg on Tuesday.

A number attended the graveside service of Catherine Ineze Fleshman on Friday afternoon at Rocks.

Barry Elder of Bluefield College spent the week end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder.

The Rocks Quartet went to sing at the Mt. Comfort Methodist Church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour.

Miss Ernestine Southall of Norfolk arrived Friday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie P. Robinson of Pamplin.

Mrs. Lula Farmer and daughter, Mable of Webber City will arrive Tuesday for a few days with the latter's aunts, Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs. Alice Jackson of Evergreen.

The Rocks Extension Home Makers club will meet at a date unknown. Watch the time for it in the paper.

A number of the club members went to Williamsburg today (Monday) for the day.

The Y. Group from Rocks went to sing for the Homecoming at Mt. Nebo Church near Ahlene Sunday afternoon.

The Rocks Quartet went to sing at Trinity Methodist Church Sunday night.

Sympathy is extended the Ramsey family in the death of Mr. Coley Ramsey Monday morning who lived near Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Massey were camping over the week end on Otter Creek.

NAMED REGIONAL MANAGER FOR S/S

Gene A. James of Winchester a regional manager for Southern Staters Cooperative since August 1969 has been named director of planning for the organization effective October 1. He will be located at the cooperative's headquarters in Richmond.

In making the announcement, General Manager W. T. Steele Jr., said James will have "the responsibility for developing and coordinating all future plans and planning for the organization."

Prior to being named a regional manager, James spent 3 years in Richmond as the cooperative's product and promotional manager of specialty supplies and as manager of its catalog service. Prior to this he was manager of the association's regional warehouse at Clarksburg, W. Va.

A graduate of VPI, he was employed by Southern States Cooperative in 1953.

Stonewall Extension Homemakers Club

The Stonewall E.H.C. held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Virginia Gillaspie with nine members and several visitors present.

Our President, Inez Foster, presiding, reported that there would be a Health and Medical Care meeting in Lynchburg October 11th. There will be outstanding speakers on this subject.

Also, there was a questionaire read from Mrs. Johnson concerning housing in Appomattox county.

We also received a letter honoring Miss Lee Anne Young for her nursing scholarship.

Mrs. Jane Young gave a very nice Federation Program on "Safeguarding our Children."

We were honored in having Stella Tanner from the United Virginia Bank, First National in Lynchburg to present our Demonstration for the month on "Using Your Bank's Services." We had no idea how many services a bank rendered. Stella, thank you very much.

Since there was no other business we were dismissed with our Homemakers Creed and Prayer.

We then had a very nice Stanley Party. We appreciate all of the friends and neighbors who joined us for this.

And last but not least we were served delicious homemade ice cream.

Hallie Roope, Sec'y.

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